

AHEC-SSW Directory - Faculty Information Sheet

Name: Matthew J. Sullivan

Position/Title: Fire Chief, Town of Chapel Hill

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Education/Degrees:

- BA: Political Science emphasis Criminal Justice UNC-Chapel Hill 1989
- MSW: UNC-Chapel Hill School of Social Work, 1997
- JD: *Cum Laude*; North Carolina Central University, 2006

Professional Certifications:

- Member North Carolina State Bar
- Member Judicial District 15-B Bar
- Certified North Carolina Criminal Justice Instructor
- Critical Incident Stress Management and Debriefing
- National Coalition Building Institute Cultural Diversity Trainer
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (F.B.I) Advanced Hostage Negotiation
- North Carolina Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate

Academic Experience:

- The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Student Health Service: EPA position that involved Coordination of Substance Abuse Programs with some teaching responsibilities. October 1995- August 1999
- The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Student Health Service Governor's Academy for Prevention Professionals: Mentoring, Group Facilitation and instruction. November 1993 to 2005
- The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Social Work, Adjunct Faculty Field Instructor. August 1997 to Present.
- Alamance Community College, Graham, North Carolina, Adjunct Faculty November 1994 to May 1999

Brief Summary of Work Experience:

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Specialization/Research Areas:

- Adolescent Risk Behavior/Substance Abuse
- Human Service Practitioner Safety in the Field
- Critical Incident Stress Interventions
- Emergency Responder Stress (EMS, POLICE, FIRE)

Available for presentations on the following:

- Field Safety and Assessment Skills for the Human Service Provider
- Adolescent Risk Behavior and Intervention
- Critical Incident Response and Stress Management for Human Service Professionals

Matthew J. Sullivan; JD, MSW
Fire Chief
The Town of Chapel Hill

As the Town of Chapel Hill's Fire Chief, Matt Sullivan is Responsible for Town and Departmental leadership and oversight and as a member of the Town's executive staff participates in the development and implementation of the Town's strategic vision. Prior to his appointment as Fire Chief, he served as the Town's Emergency Management Coordinator directing emergency management efforts with responsibility for providing leadership in developing emergency preparedness plans and oversight of Town's Emergency Operations Center.

Prior to these recent appointments, Matt spent 26 years in the Chapel Hill Police Department. Assignments within the Police Department included; staff legal advisor, interim police attorney, police crisis counselor, narcotics investigator, public safety officer, departmental hostage negotiator., community police officer, crime prevention officer and in youth services as a DARE officer. In 1994 he was named Chapel Hill Police Officer of the Year. In 2008 he was named the department's civilian employee of the year.

A product of the Chapel Hill Community, Matt received his undergraduate degree in Political Science from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1989 and Master of Social Work Degree from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1997. He received a Degree in Law from North Carolina Central University in 2006 and is a member of the North Carolina State and Judicial District 15-B Bars.

From 1995 to 1999, Matt was appointed Coordinator of Substance Abuse Programs at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In this capacity, he had the responsibility of administering the day to day operations of the campus alcohol and other drug treatment and prevention efforts. Much emphasis was also placed on environmental interventions directed

to altering campus social norms surrounding dangerous student drinking and life skill development in student athletes.

Matt is an adjunct faculty member to the University of North Carolina School of Social Work. He is a certified North Carolina Criminal Justice Instructor and is certified in Critical Incident Stress Management. He previously served as Chair of the Judicial District 15-B Criminal Justice Community Partnership Adult Services Advisory Committee and on the UNC-CH General Alumni Association Board of Directors. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the NC Governor's Institute (on Substance Abuse).